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Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday February 9th, 2009

In Attendance:

Members:

Phil Smith DuPage County Community Services Sheri Cohen Chicago Department of Public Health

Bob Gleeson Northern Illinois University
Lorrie Lynn United Way of Metro Chicago

Janelle Brown RTA

Jacky Grimshaw Center for Neighborhood Technology

Janna Stansell Health and Medicine Policy Research Group

Mike Sullivan Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

Tammy Wierciak Metropolitan Mayors Caucus/Council of Mayors

Guest:

Dennis Smith Northern Illinois Food Bank

Peter Kamps City of Chicago

Lillian Lahr CTA

CMAP Staff:

Russell Pietrowiak CMAP Staff
Bob Dean CMAP Staff
Shana Alford CMAP Staff
Lee Deuben CMAP Staff

1.0 Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

2.0 Approval of November minutes.

The minutes for the January meeting were approved.

3.0 Comments from the Chair or Vice Chair

The chair stated that at the last planning committee meeting they discussed the Central Area Plan for Chicago and the Job-Housing Balance and Latino Snapshots. The vice-chair stated that the next programming meeting would be on Wednesday (2/14/09) and that a summary of this meeting would be provided to the committee at the next meeting. At the last programming committee meeting the focus was on a revised version of Developments of Regional Significance (DRI's).

4.0 Human Services Issues

4.1 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Update.

Staff provided the committee with an update on the latest developments relate to the ARRA, commonly referred to as the stimulus bill. In general CMAP is primarily interested in infrastructure investments. Currently, staff is trying to understand how these funds may be spent, how much money will be available to spend, and what the record keeping requirements are. CMAP has been and will continue to provide email updates on a regular basis. Some examples of grants that are part of the stimulus act were discussed. A question was asked if CMAP will be administering any grants or what CMAP's involvement would be in distributing funds. While it is unlikely that CMAP would be administrating any grants there are transportation funds that flow through CMAP and CMAP in helping to coordinate various activities so that funds can be distributed to the region. One such example is that CMAP brought together Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant (NSP) recipients to help them plan and coordinate their efforts.

4.2 2-1-1 Update

CMAP staff provided an update on the current status of 2-1-1 efforts. There are three 2-1-1 activities that are on going

- 1. Getting the 3 Illinois 2-1-1 pilots up and running.
- 2. Proceeding with a statewide planning process.
- 3. Monitoring the 2-1-1 national calling act.

The three pilot programs (East St. Louis area, the Quad Cities area, and Bloomington) are scheduled to go "live" on February 11th. The statewide planning process is on hold while the entities responsible for the planning process work with the state to determine what role the state will have in the planning process. At the national level there has been some discussion of various federal funding mechanisms to support 211 (CDBG, Homeland Security grants, etc.) but there has been no new activity regarding the 211 calling act.

4.3 Human Services Planning (CMAP Staff).

Staff discussed various Human Services related activities that are being considered for next year. Continued work on 211, public health, the health safety-net initiative, and senior and disability issues were mentioned as likely Human Services activities for next year. Specific mention was made that a likely focus area would be made to better integrate health issues and health planning efforts with CMAP's various planning activities. In particular how CMAP can effectively bring various health groups together and how it can support I-plan activities. Phil Smith mentioned that CMAP may want to look into seeing what it can do to support the consolidated plans that communities and counties are required to have in place in order to receive Community Development Block Grant

(CDBG) funds. It was agreed that this topic would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

5.0 Go To 2040 Plan Development

5.1 Hunger Presentation

A presentation was given by Dennis Smith from the Northern Illinois Food Bank, on the work that the Hunger Committee is doing. The Chicago Community Trust hired the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Greater Chicago Food Depository to develop strategies and indicators that could be used in the Go To 2040 plan and by the Trust. The presentation can be viewed using the link below.

http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=14488
Some of the highlights of the presentation included the affects that rising food prices have had on food pantries, the effectiveness of food stamp programs, access to food, and funding for food programs. It was pointed out that pilot projects to sign people up for food stamps have proven to be very successful in the region. It was also mentioned that there is no state food program. Funding for these programs comes from the federal government (through the states) and from local sources such as donations, municipalities, etc. It was pointed out that only 71% of the people eligible for food programs actually sign up to use them. It was also mentioned that farming is heavily subsidized activity.

5.2 CMAP/CTT Partnership Update

A brief update was provided to the committee on the activities of the lead agencies and the Trust. All of the lead agencies, the Trust and CMAP met on February 2nd. At this meeting the status of the various committees was discussed. Some committees are further along than others but all of them indicated that they would finish this project on time. It was mentioned that the education group would give a presentation at the March Human Services Committee meeting.

6.0 Other

6.1 Membership

Membership on the committee was briefly discussed. Staff informed the committee that some of the lead agencies that have been contracted by the Trust to would be invited to join this committee giving them an opportunity to continue their involved with CMAP. It was also mentioned that any new members would replace members that have not been active for a least a year thus the size of the committee would be unchanged.

6.2 **Other Announcements:** There were no other announcements.

7.0 Next Meeting (February 9th at 10:00am)

8.0 Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.